

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application and are subject to a restriction requirement. The Office Action identifies four groups of claims.

On July 27, 2005 the undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Tiv to clarify what claims should appear in each of the four groups identified in the Office Action. It was agreed that a few claims were missing from each of the groups as shown in the Office Action. The groups of claims that were agreed to during that conversation are as follows:

Group I: claims 1, 4, 5, 8-15, 22, 26, 29, 31-33

Group II: claims 2, 4, 6, 8-13

Group III: claims 23, 24, 28, 30-44

Group IV: claims 3, 4, 7-13, 16-21, 25-27, 29, 31-33, 45-50

In response, Applicants elect the claims in Group IV and amend the claims as shown above. The amendments modify the claims in Group IV and cancel the claims in all other groups.

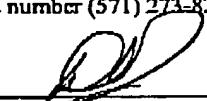
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